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## ITALY HOPEFUL OF SOLID FRONT AGAINST "NORDIC DANGER"

### MUSSOLINI TAKES NO CHANCES



Miss Maria Rasputin is proud of the fact that she is the daughter of Gregory Rasputin, the "Mad Monk" who dominated the Russian Court until he was murdered by a grand duke and a prince. She is now in New York, appearing as an animal trainer.

### STEPS TO PREVENT WATER SHORTAGE

£3,200,000 Expenditure In Britain

London, To-day.  
In districts which experienced the water shortage during last summer's drought, measures are now being taken, in many cases with Government assistance, to prevent a recurrence.

State grants have been made in the rural localities for approved schemes with a total capital of £3,200,000, affecting 1,100 parishes.

The average total rainfall of Britain for the last six months was above the average, and the temporary legislation, which remains in force until the end of the present year, places urban water undertakings in a good position to obtain additional supplies should the necessity arise.—British Wireless Service.

### TYphoon STRIKES PHILIPPINES

33 Known Dead; 21,000 Homeless

Manila, To-day.  
Thirty-three are known to have perished and many to have been injured in a typhoon which struck Samar Island. The entire population of Borongan, numbering 21,000 are homeless and extensive damage has been done.—Reuter.

### TYphoon WARNING

Reported To Be 385 Miles South-East Of Colony

A message received at 9.30 a.m. to-day from the Manila Observatory, through the American Consul-General, reports that the typhoon was situated at 8.20 p.m. in about 119 degrees Long. East and 19 degrees Lat. North, inclining northward.

The disturbance is about 385 miles away from the Colony, in a South-East by East direction, moving in the direction of the Formosa Channel.

### WEATHER FORECAST

A moderate anticyclone covers central and north Japan and the adjacent seas. Pressure is relatively high over central China. The typhoon has faded up. The depression over Formosa has deepened, and a shallow depression is situated to the west of Shanghai. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, was "sunny or variable winds, moderate cloudy rain."

### HIGHER GRADE OFFICERS KEPT AT HOME

### BRITISH PREMIER'S VISIT TO STRESA ACCLAIMED

### DOUBTS NOW DISPELLED

Rome, To-day.

Considerable satisfaction is expressed in official quarters at the news that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the British Prime Minister, and Sir John Simon, the British Foreign Secretary, will attend the Stresa conference.

Official quarters opine that if German ambition is to be restrained the three Powers, Britain, France and Italy, should establish a solid common front at Stresa, but doubts are expressed in some circles in regard to the attitude of England. Some bitter comments have appeared in the press with regard to Britain's reputed desire to keep out of any further European commitments.

Meanwhile the danger of war with Germany is the common topic and the Government has shown its apprehension by countermanding orders to some of the higher grade officers to depart for the colonies.

There is little doubt that Signor Mussolini will strongly recommend at Stresa that Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria shall be accorded an increase in armaments to counterbalance the "Nordic danger."—Reuter.

### MR. EDEN IN BLD

### Hitler's Message Of Sympathy

London, To-day.  
Mr. Anthony Eden, the Lord Privy Seal, who is suffering from heart strain, resulting from his illness while flying from Prague to Cologne and the strenuous nature of his recent tour, is for the present remaining in bed on doctor's orders.

Reichsfuehrer Hitler is among the many who have sent him telegrams of sympathy.—British Wireless Service.

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London, To-day.

The Cabinet held a further meeting of two hours' duration last evening in regard to the European situation. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon will report to the French and Italian Ministers the result of their foreign visits, and it is expected that Sir John Simon's statement to the House of Commons to-day will not be calculated to circumscribe the Stresa talks or prejudice the League Council proceeding on Monday next.

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### Sympathy Extended To Mr. Eden

London, To-day.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the British representatives attending the Stresa Conference would be himself and Sir John Simon.

In putting a question on this point to the Prime Minister, Sir Austin Chamberlain said that he expressed what he felt sure would be the general feeling of sympathy in all parts of the House with the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Anthony Eden, and said that they hoped for his speedy recovery.

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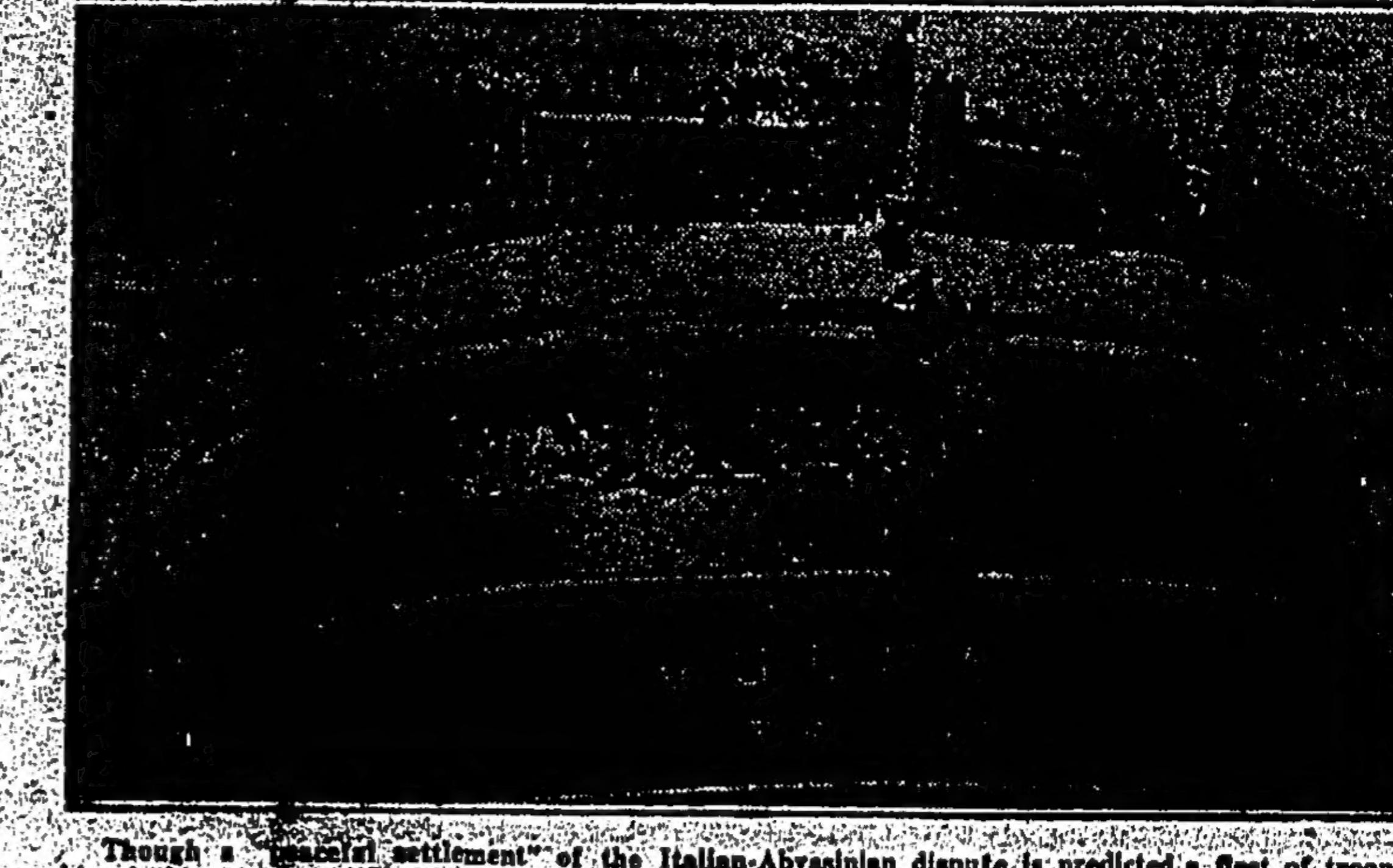
### LT-COL BURKHARDT'S APPOINTMENT

London, To-day.—Lieut-Colonel W. R. Burkhardt, R. A., D.S.O., O.B.E., has been appointed General Staff Officer, first grade, China Command, with effect in the Autumn.—Reuter.

### Morbus Diplomaticus Germ

London, To-day.  
The Governments of the Great Powers will doubtless be grateful to Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister, for relieving the representatives of the necessity of succumbing to the unprecedented outbreak of that "mysterious" malady, "morbus diplomaticus," declared

Tsien-tao, to-day, to the Chinese Emperor. But it's recognition of to-day, in the British case,



Though a "final settlement" of the Italian-Abyssinian dispute is predicted a fleet of transports is busy transporting Black Shirt troops to Africa. This view shows the former trans-Atlantic passenger liner Vittoria leaving Messina, Italy, loaded from bow to stern with II Duce's fighting men.

### CROYDON TO PARIS AIR RECORD ATTEMPT

220-Mile Dash Expected To Take About 45 Minutes

London, To-day.

The De Havilland Comet Machine, in which Cuthbert Jones and Kenneth Waller flew from England to Australia and back in 1934, laid off, together with Miss and Mrs. Macmillan, machine of the same type, recently bought by the French Government, will to-day be flown from Croydon to Paris in the hope of breaking the existing record of 67 minutes for the journey.

The distance is 220 miles, and the Comet is expected to take about 45 minutes.—British Wireless Service.

### SHANGHAI TRAGEDY

#### Scotsman Accidentally Shot Dead

#### POLICE ROBBER GUN DUEL

Shanghai, To-day.—Mr. N. G. Macdonald, a Scotman employed by the New Engineering and Shipping Works Limited, was accidentally shot dead with bullets in his head and heart during an affray between police and an armed robber at Hongkew market as he was going to his office from his nearby home this morning.

Mr. Nathaniel Gilston Macdonald rounded the corner of the market and fell covered in blood amid a barrage of bullets as the steel-jacketed police in the crowded street caught up with the robber, who was fleeing after burgling a nearby house with two companions.

The robber was wounded and arrested by a Chinese policeman. A Chinese bystander was also wounded.

Mr. Macdonald, who was 38 and unmarried, came to China in 1931.

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### Harrowing Experience At Hands Of Reds

#### GIVEN SEDAN CHAIR AND MONEY ON RELEASE

London, To-day.

Details of the captivity of Mr. and Mrs. Frencham, the members of the China Inland Mission who were recently captured by Communists and wrongly reported to have been murdered, show that they were held for three days at Ningklang before being forced to march

through snow over hilly country to Li-chap, in Szechuan, where, although the hardship was severe, they were fairly well treated.

Mr. Frencham obtained an interview with the chieftain and pleaded with him to liberate his wife whose health was severely affected.

Two days later both were set free, and given a cane sedan chair, some money, a bodyguard and a cook, who accompanied them to the border of the Red territory.

The Frenchams are now at

Hanchung, awaiting the arrival

of the Rev. Mr. Moore, the C.I.M.

superintendent of the province

and is en route from Shanghai.

Mr. Frencham, who is a

Methodist minister, said

he had been told by

the Chinese Communists

that he would be released

when the Chinese Com

munist Government

had been established.

He said he had been

treated well by the Chinese

Communists.

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### FOREIGNERS EVACUATE KWEIYANG

### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE BY GENERAL HSIEH

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Although Kweiyang is well fortified against the invading Communists all foreign nationals in that provincial capital have moved to On Shun, which is about 70 miles distant in a south-westerly direction.

Purely as a precautionary measure, General Hsieh Yoh, Officer Commanding the Nanking forces in Kweiyang, instructed the foreign residents and missionaries to evacuate the town last Thursday. There are few foreign business men in the city, but the total foreign community includes about nine missions of different denominations.

### FRENCHAMS TELL GRAPHIC TALE

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Having failed to penetrate into Southern Szechuan or to capture Kweiyang, the Communists are reported to be proceeding eastward from Halfeng, Pingyuan, which is located about 85 miles east of Kweiyang, is now the objective of the Reds.

Kwangtung troops in Kwangsi will not join in the defence of Kweiyang, being too far away.

A local vernacular paper states that about 700,000 Government troops have arrived in Kweiyang to protect it against the advancing Communists.

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### SIAM SUBMITS TO RUBBER RESTRICTION

#### Rescinds Previous Refusal

WILL NOW BE SUBJECT TO CHANGES OF QUOTA

Singapore, To-day.

It is reported from Bangkok that the Siamese Assembly has approved the rubber output quota of 40,000 tons after negotiating with the International Committee.

The Siamese Government in September refused to enter the restriction scheme on the basis of the Committee's offer of a flat rate of output of 15,000 tons annually.

It is presumed that the output of 40,000 tons signifies that Siam, like the other major signatories, will henceforth be subject to periodical changes of output quota as decreed by the committee.—Reuter.

MARKET UNAFFECTED

Singapore, later.  
Siam's decision does not affect the market. It is pointed out that it is possible for Siam to produce anything like 50,000 tons, at least for a considerable time.

There is some danger of rubber smuggling from north Malaya to Siam, but it is not believed that this will amount to much.—Reuter.

### YOUTH HOSTEL MOVEMENT

#### Remarkable Growth Reported

London, To-day.  
The remarkable success of the Youth Hostel Movement was emphasised at the Association's annual meeting yesterday.

It was founded in 1932, and at the end of that year the membership had grown to 87,000. The number of hostels in the United Kingdom now totals 212, with 5,478 beds. Overnight use of the accommodation increased last year from 157,000 to 221,000.

In addition to providing this accommodation for young people touring the most picturesque parts of Britain, the Association has recently made special arrangements for railway concessions for members and for transport of bicycles for parties visiting the Continent.

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### NAVAL MOVEMENTS

#### Admiral Dreyer Leaves For Yokohama

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Frederick Charles Dreyer, and accompanied by the Admiral's yacht Falmouth, left the Colony this morning at 10 o'clock for Yokohama.

H.M.S. Decoy, Diana, Dainty, and Defender of the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla, sailed for Haiphong this morning on a short cruise. They expect to return to the Colony on about April 24.

H.M.S. Berwick of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron arrived in Andaman this morning.

#### DOG BITES AMAH

Hillside, Texas, To-day.  
Mrs. Campbell, the newly appointed Commissioner of the U.S.A.'s current public enemy No. 1, who made his boast that he would never be taken alive, was captured without difficulty yesterday afternoon. He was admitted to the Rowlett Hospital after being shot in the head by a bullet fired from a revolver. He was captured by a posse of 100 men, including the sheriff and his deputies, and a number of citizens.

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## MAIL SCHEDULES

## PARCEL POST

A schedule of revised parcel post rates, including many reductions, is exhibited in the Parcel Office, G.P.O. The rates will take effect as from 1st March, 1935.

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## INWARD MAIIS.

## FROM EUROPE

## COLOURS ACCORDING TO THE CALENDAR

## THE NEW GREY-BLUE DAY-TIME YELLOW-SHADES OF EVENING

By THE HON. MRS. C. W. FORESTER

London. It is a pleasant idea to choose the colours and materials with a view to the months of the calendar. Of course, it may be that the seasons play shabby tricks on us. Still, we need not blame ourselves or our dressmakers. It is better to be ready betimes for spring than to insult the first day of sunshine with the russet shades of autumn and the dull utility garments of winter.

There are the lighter types of sun wraps which fashion permits at all times. How attractive are furs worn with the tender greys and young grass-greens!

There is a gay fashion in the air about fashion just now, London being the centre of luxury and lovely clothes and jewels for Jubilee year. Already there is life in the dress salons. New modes are peeping out all the time. Buyers come to London from every part of the world to-day. They wish to hear all about the first tweed tailleur, the town and race suit, restaurant ensembles, and, above all, Court creations and bridal splendour.

London. skir. Some lovely pale shades in crepe dresses were packed for the cruises.

The Debutante's Blue. Blue will be one of the first favourites with the debutante, but a number of new blues are on the colour-card, and amongst them Wedgwood, that curious grey-blue that used once to be considered "old". The youngest debutantes of 1935 will make good use of it! This cold grey-blue is lovely in taffeta, with a touch of old lace and a bunch of multi-coloured flowers.

I have seen a Wedgwood blue crepe inserted with lace dyed to match, and a posy of pink, yellow and green flowers.

Apple green, shot gold, is another choice for the dance; so is turquoise with black. Black and coloured nets and laces will share popularity with the sequined frock. There is plenty of silver and black. In fact, silver seems more than ever to come into all formal schemes. Pale parma-violet and a periwinkle blue look lovely in lambs and brocades shot or splashed with silver.

London Leads. Silver spots are woven in the new Angora of pastel tints for the ensembles going to the South of France, and further afield.

For day-time, yellow, as I predicted at Christmas, is having a great wave of popularity. For tweeds, brown and yellow and dark grey and yellow stripe, are in the smartest collections. The Victorian yellow-ochre shade for the wool suit is smart worn with black or brown furs.

Grey is fashionable, and as a sports ensemble is shown with yellow-striped blouse, scarf and felt hat.

Black and yellow, and red and green, and grey and navy are good mixes for headgear. Neither must white be forgotten. The earliest hats were of white satin and white peau-de-soie, with black veils. Now it seems that white is relieved with dark taffetas, with matching scarves. Brown and white, navy and white, and green with white are for immediate wear.

FOR THE COURT. For The Court

To return to the real evening colour programme. There are some outstanding Court colours that are sure winners. A delicate rose shell-pink named after the old-fashioned rose known as the "Maiden's Blush" is one; another is the Tea rose (almost an apricot tone) tint. Blues, from the palest mauve-blue delphinium to the fuller Mediterranean hue, will be favoured. A pale sea-green, nearly bordering on the jade tone, is good with silver. That peculiarly rich Louis-blue and a Dresden-china-yellow will also have many adherents.

The tendency with all ceremonial colours and fabrics this season will be to avoid opulence and excessive brilliance. The new materials, however rich in themselves, are discreetly woven and the colours lovely, without being overpowering in any sense.

registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

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### SPORT NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

RAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FOURTH EXTRA-RACE MEETING, to be held on SATURDAY, 20th and MONDAY, 22nd April, 1935 (Weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Gloucester Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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### BRIDGE NOTES

#### SWING-HANDS

By Eric Cuthbertson

During the recent Vanderbilt Cup Tournament held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in New York City a great many large swing hands occurred, on which one team or another picked up anywhere from 1,000 to 2,500 points. On the hand below the team of Edward Hynes, Jr., Louis H. Watson, M. D. Maier and Samuel Fry, Jr. picked up 1,600 points by obtaining a sizable plus at both tables.

South, dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

North—

S.—A 9 7 4  
H.—A 10 8 5  
D.—I 4 3  
C.—J 6

West—

S.—Q 8 5 3  
H.—Q 9 7 4 3  
D.—A 10  
C.—8

East—

S.—10  
H.—  
D.—Q 6 2  
C.—K Q 10 9 7 5 4 3 2

South—

S.—K J 6 2  
H.—K 6 2  
D.—K J 9 8 5  
C.—A

At the table where Messrs. Watson and Hynes sat East and West respectively, South opened the bidding with one diamond. Mr. Hynes overcalled with one heart and North doubled—perhaps unwisely—for penalties. Mr. Watson, of course, with his freak, could not stand one heart doubled, but on the other hand felt too strong with his nine-card suit to simply rescue with two clubs. He finally decided upon four clubs as the best bid. South did not find a rebid at this point, and Mr. Hynes also passed. North, with a partner who had opened the bidding when vulnerable, felt compelled to take some sort of action and could find nothing better to do than double. This double of course, turned out very badly, but I cannot see how North can be particularly blamed for it.

The contract of four clubs doubled was made without much difficulty. On the opening diamond bid by South Mr. Watson as the declarer was able to guess the diamond situation and finessed the 10-spot on the first round. As a result he lost but one spade trick, one diamond trick and one club trick fulfilling his contract for a plus of 560 points—500 for the game and 160 below the line.

At the other table Mr. Fry, sitting South, decided to open the bidding with one spade. He anticipated a possible club or notrump response and wanted to be able to show both his suits without reversing and thus creating the impression of greater strength than he actually held. Over one spade West did not feel that he was strong enough to overcall when vulnerable at the level of two, and therefore passed. North, Mr. Maier, raised the one-spade bid to two, and East now bid three clubs. South now rebid by calling three diamonds, and West, with a bidding partner, now felt strong enough to call three hearts. North has his choice of either doubling three hearts or jumping to four spades and adopted the latter course, feeling that a double of three hearts would be futile as the opponents would certainly run to four clubs. The four-spade bid was passed by both East and South, and West most unwisely decided to double. He did not know of course that his partner's three-club bid was based only on distribution, and he felt that his four spades to the Queen and his Ace of diamonds should enable him to set the contract without much difficulty.

East, of course, should not have let the double stand; he should have rescued with five clubs. Though East and West would have gone down one at five clubs doubled, this would have been a very fine sacrifice against a vulnerable game, and particularly against a doubled one.

In the play South managed to make five odds. West, not knowing his partner was void of hearts, chose to open his singleton club, and Mr. Fry won with the Ace. The latter now laid down the King of spades and when West, in support, continued with the Ace of diamonds, the former spot in dummy. A low diamond was now led and the King taken. West

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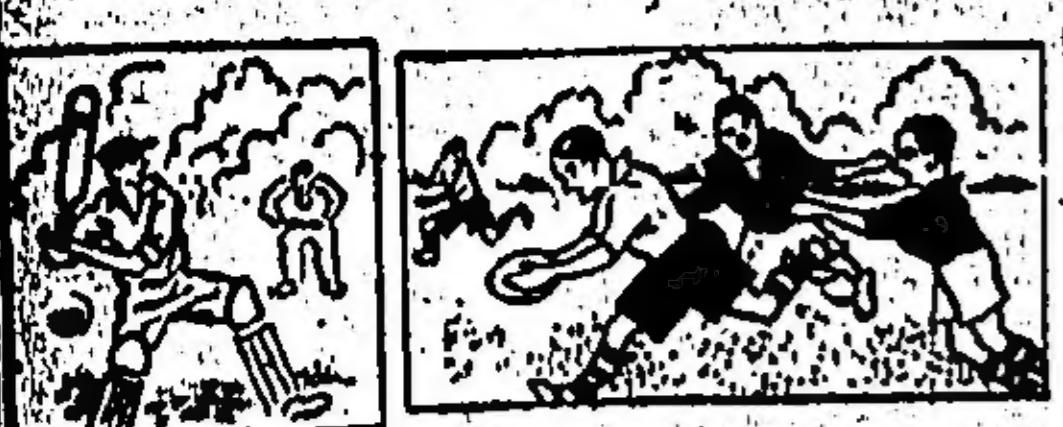
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# Sporting Page



## L. OLIVEIRA OMITTED FROM CIVILIANS' HOCKEY TRIAL GAME

### TENNIS NATIONS AND THE FILM BAN STRONG OPPOSITION IS CERTAIN

#### GERMANY LIKELY TO SUPPORT U.S.

(By A. Wallis Myers)

**T**HE decision of the French Lawn Tennis Federation to support America's opposition to the widening of the amateur definition, especially in relation to film contracts, is, I hear, likely to affect the result of the conference which is to be held in Paris.

Between them France and the United States command twelve votes at the International Federation, and since it is estimated that twenty-five adverse votes will be sufficient to reject the motion which Great Britain is supporting, and which is known to concern one of her chief players, there is no certainty of success for Britain.

It is not probable, I understand, that Germany will vote with France and America, forming a formidable bloc, while the attitude of Italy and other European countries is doubtful. The "pro-filmers," as they have been called, include Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, Australia, South Africa and Belgium. Their views will naturally command respect, but a two-thirds majority of votes is required for the deletion of the existing prohibitive clause.

In conversation with international delegates over this question I have found a direct conflict of opinion. Sir Samuel Hoare's circular letter explaining the attitude of the British L.T.A., which has been circulated to all the governing bodies, has been endorsed in some of its arguments, but not in all.

The French, for example, take exception to the theory that amateur players offered payment as potential film artists should be given the same liberty of action as players who write articles or books; the first, it is argued, may be chosen for their name or even for their figure; the second are presumably engaged for their brains.

The French claim that the career of the film artist may be only temporary and offers no permanent security; which those in favour of amending the amateur regulations are anxious to guarantee. A man may go on writing about the appeal to the camera.

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### H.K. REFEREES' BOARD MEETING

#### INTERESTING TALK BY NEWCOMER

#### FIFTY SOCCER REFEREES AVAILABLE EVERY WEEK

The fortnightly meeting of the Hong Kong Referees' Association was held in the offices of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday evening.

Mr. T. G. Stokes was in the chair, while Mr. D. Kossick, a newcomer to the Colony, and a well-known member of the Newcastle Branch of the Northumberland Referees' Society, gave a very interesting talk on the duties of a referee and the handling of a football game generally. He also referred to the duties of linesmen and said that wherever possible, the duties of a linesman should be given to those aspiring to become referees.

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#### EGYPTIAN CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY HELEN JACOBS

#### Plays At Top Of Form To Beat Miss Dearman Of England

Alexandria, April 1. Miss Helen Jacobs of Berkeley, California, the current ranking woman tennis player in the United States, added another championship to her long list of triumphs to-day when she captured the Egyptian title.

Playing in top form, she swept through two quick sets to defeat Miss Evelyn Dearman of England in the final of the Egyptian tournament by a score of 6-2, 6-0.—United Press.

#### FRED PERRY "IN THE ROUGH"

#### Twickenham Tennis Discovery

At the Twickenham lawn tennis tournament recently was a boy who might have been the F. J. Perry of 10 years ago. Not in personal appearance, but in style on the court, E. J. Fluby, a Surrey junior, Fred Perry (in the rough) all over. He has the same way of hitting the early ball and sweeping forward with it to the net.



The Yankee star hurler, Vernon Lefty Gomez, works out at the St. Petersburg, Fla., camp to prove to Col. Ruppert that he did not make any mistake in signing him up for a \$20,000 contract. Gomez scored \$13,500 last year.

### H.K. BANK SHARE SOCCER SPOILS WITH DODWELL'S BARRACKING FROM SUPPORTERS

#### BOND AND BROWNING NET THE GOALS

A very exciting soccer game was witnessed on the Club ground yesterday when the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and Messrs. Dodwell and Company shared four goals, after the Bank had led at the interval by the odd goal in three.

There was a fairly large and enthusiastic crowd and the barracking on both sides was terrific. The League management Committee are holding an inquiry into it.

#### Good Equalised

The pace was fairly fast throughout and the result was in doubt until the last 10 minutes, when Dodwell's squared their account with a rasping goal off the boot of Bond.

The game opened with a concentrated effort by Dodwell's forwards, Bond giving them the lead with a terrific drive from a neat pass by Bowker.

#### Browning Shines

The Bank retaliated fiercely, much to the jubilation of their supporters, and a roar went up when Browning placed the ball past Cairns' outstretched fingers for the equaliser.

A few minutes later the Bank supporters went almost hysterical when Browning placed the ball past Cairns' outstretched fingers for the equaliser.

In the second half the Bank attacked time and again, only to be foiled at the crucial moment.

#### The Final Equaliser

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### BRIDGEND'S RUGBY WIN OVER DEVONPORT SERVICES

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### BAER REACHES CHICAGO FROM WEST COAST

#### Will Fight Anybody But Suitable Opponent Cannot Be Found

Chicago, April 1. Max Baer arrived here to-day from the West Coast. He declared that he would fight anything or anybody for enough money. The trouble is finding somebody worth while fighting, he said.—United Press.

### GOVERNOR'S CUP TEAMS SELECTED FOR SUNDAY

#### THRILLING CLASH EXPECTED

#### REVISED LEAGUE SOCCER PROGRAMME

The team to represent the Hong Kong Football Association in the deciding match for the Governor's Cup, on Sunday at Caroline Hill, was selected last night at a special meeting of the Football Association Council at the Sports Club.

The team is a very well balanced one, with a formidable forward line. A. Howe has been elected captain, and playing on present form should be the chief menace to the Chinese team. The dangerous Gosano-Ward combination will support him on his right, while the Interport pair, Ridley and Bickford, will be on his left flank.

#### Bekrao As Pivot

Bekrao will be seen at centre-half in place of McGuire, who played in the last game, and will have his hands full in marking Fung King-cheong and his inside satellites.

The Chinese Selectors have also chosen a strong team, and a record crowd is anticipated.

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### HAMILTON BEAT QUEEN'S PARK

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### STRANGE ATTITUDE OF SELECTORS

### VITAL INTERNATIONAL NOT WITNESSED

#### PORTUGUESE PLAYERS DESERVING OF PLACES IN TEAM

(By "Sticks")

THE Civilian hockey selection committee have lost no time in arranging for their trial in preparation for their forthcoming encounter against the Shanghai German Hockey Club, which takes place next Monday at King's Park.

Two fairly strong sides have been drawn up to represent Whites and Colours on Thursday on the Club ground, and, although most of the Civilian stars have been included, there are one or two exceptions which call for comment.

One of the greatest blunders the Selectors made was the omission of L. A. Oliveira from either of the intermediate lines, for his display for Portugal against India last Thursday would have secured him a position in any first-class Colony side.

The trouble was, however, that none of the Civilian selectors were present at this game, their whole attention being concentrated on the England-China game, in which several potential Civilian stars were featured.

#### Great Display

Oliveira's display was certainly up to the standard of W. A. Reed, and the fact that he was selected as a reserve against Jagjeet Singh, of the Radio, who has not yet been featured in any representative game, calls for an explanation.

Then again, Xavier, who played at inside-left for Portugal, gave a rousing display and certainly justified inclusion in place of Whitley, who has been selected on his past reputation.

#### Thursday's trial teams are—

Whites: H. B. M. X. do Souza (Radio); E. H. P. White (Saints) and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio); A. S. Biles (Saints); W. A. Reed (Club) and G. Parker (Police); G. E. R. Divett (Club); T. Whitley (C.R.A.); Gurbachan Singh (K.L.T.C.); G. Fowler (Y.M.C.A.); E. Carroll (Saints). Colours: F. Fowler (Y.M.C.A.); F. Seik (Y.M.C.A.) and Parduman Singh (Radio); E. L. Gosano (University); J. Goncalves (Recreio) and Jagjeet Singh (Radio); E. Fowler (Y.M.C.A.); W. J. Brown (Y.M.C.A.); Awtar Singh (Radio); J. Pinto (K.I.T.C.); Reserves: A. A. Remedios (Recreio); L. A. Oliveira (University) and Sarnagat Singh (Radio).

### ERNIE STRANGE TRAINS WITH CHARLTON ATHLETIC

#### Former Club Forward Plays For "A" Eleven

Ernie Strange, the former Club inside-left, who sailed Home on leave in January, has been invited to train with Charlton Athletic by Mr. Jimmy Seed, the Charlton manager.

He has already played a few games for the Charlton "A" team.

### V.R.C. TO STAGE REGATTA ON SATURDAY

#### YACHT CLUB EVENT CANCELLED

#### GOOD PROGRAMME ARRANGED

The rowing regatta between the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and the Victoria Recreation Club has been cancelled, as the former are unable to turn out a full crew on Saturday owing to the Hong Kong Area Athletic Meeting.

The Victoria Recreation Club, however, have arranged a Club regatta to take place in Kowloon Bay.

The programme of events and crews are as follows:

#### 1. Trial Cup. (Fours Handicap, One Mile).

Senior Fours—M. M. de V. Soares, S. A. Marcal and L. A. Soares (stroke).

Junior Fours—L. A. Barros, J. A. de V. Soares, F. P. Soqueiros and A. V. Alvaro (stroke).

2. "Tub Sculls" Race (Open to members, Three-quarter Mile).

3. Club Pairs Race. (Three-quarter Mile).

F. P. Soqueiros and L. A. Soares (stroke).

M. M. de V. Soares and A. V. Alvaro (stroke).

S. A. Marcal and J. M. M. Alves (stroke).

4. Chinese Chamber of Commerce Cup. (Junior Fours, One Mile).

M. Taisan, C. Gagan, T. A. Johnston and P. B. Allan (stroke).

N. Deltz, L. G. Silveira, J. G. Remedios and H. R. Pinna (stroke).

Chairman's Cup. Senior and Junior Members, (One Mile).

L. A. Barros, J. A. de V. Soares, F. P. Soqueiros and L. A. Soares (stroke).

M. M. de V. Soares, A. V. Alvaro, S. A. Marcal and J. M. M. Alves (stroke).

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCOUTS ON THE PROWL

Football League scouts are showing a big interest in Hartley, full-back; Smith, the former Ayre United inside-forward; and Spencer, a wing-half, of Tunbridge Wells. The Championship is the main attraction.

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## GOVERNOR'S CUP TEAMS SELECTED FOR SUNDAY.

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### Kotewall Charity Cup

The second game in the Kotewall Charity Cup series will be played on Sunday, May 4, at Caroline Road, between the Royal Navy and South China.

In the first game the Army beat South China by 5 goals to 4 in a clean and fast game, on Sunday, March 24.

The date for the last game, between the Army and the Navy, has not yet been fixed.

### Governor's Cup Teams

The teams and reserves for the Governor's Cup match are as follows:

H.F.A.—Rowlands (Fusiliers); A. V. Gosano (Recreio), C. Pile (Police); Kengham (Fusiliers), Beltrao (Recreio), Parker (Police); B. Gosano (Recreio), A. Ward (St. Joseph's), A. Howe (Capt.), Ridley (Lincolns) and Bickford (Club).

Reserves—Rodger (Club); Swain (East Lancs) and Moss (Navy), Brooks (Police), Gough (Police) and Elms (St. Joseph's), T. Pile (Police); Leonard (St. Joseph's), Higgins (Lincolns), Gomes (Recreio) and Baldry (Lincolns).

C.A.A.F.—Wong Wing (Capt.); Mak So-han (Athletic) and Lau Mau (South China); Leung Wing-chui (South China), Chui Ah-fai (Athletic), Lee Kwok-wai (South China); Tsui Kwan-shing (South China); Tam Kong-pak (South China); Fung King-cheong (South China); Chan Chen-wo (Athletic) and Ip Pak-wa (South China).

Reserves—Sui Tim-ling (Athletic), Leung In-chan (South China), Lee Hing-yuen (South China), Lee Kam (South China); Lam Tak-pui (South China); Li Kwok-chui (Athletic); Yeung Suk-yick (South China); Li Shui-wing (South China); Ho Siu Kar-keung (Athletic); Chukuk Sek-kam (South China) and Lee Shek-yuen (South China).

### Revised League Programme

Following the selection of the Association team, the Committee arranged dates for postponed games in order to try and keep to the schedule and finish the League by the middle of next month.

The following is a complete list of this week's League fixtures:

**Wednesday, April 10**

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v Recreio (Kowloon Ground, 5 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

University v South China (Caroline Hill, 5 p.m.)

**Thursday, April 11**

FIRST DIVISION

Artillery v Navy (Causeway Bay, 5 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Artillery v Navy (Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)

**Saturday, April 13**

THIRD DIVISION

Railway v R.A.M.C. (Railway Ground, 3.15 p.m.)

Fusiliers v R.A.M.C. (Happy Valley, 3.15 p.m.)

**Sunday, April 14**

THIRD DIVISION

Fusiliers v R.A.F. (Chatham Road, 3.15 p.m.)

**Y.M.C.A.**

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# SHANGHAI'S RUGGER SEASON UNDER REVIEW

## TENNIS NATIONS AND THE FILM BAN

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### Modern Tendencies

I think there is something to be said for this line in relation to the general interests of the game, but it does not dispose of the case, which has undoubtedly been established of legislating for modern tendencies and a situation created largely by the governing bodies themselves.

If players, under the existing rules, are permitted to pose for action photographs and to illustrate their own articles or books with these personal pictures, it is difficult to discriminate between the still photograph and the moving, and between the printed page and the screen. The principle of publicity having been accepted long ago, it becomes a question of up-to-date practice.

But if this view is accepted it does not, in my opinion, follow that amateur players should be permitted to accept film contracts without reference to the subject matter of the film. The game and its good name are of more importance than the financial position of its players, however distinguished.

### Safeguarding The Game

Is it not another case for "adequate safe guards"? If a film is of educational value for lawn tennis players it is obviously desirable that the best picture-makers should be the subjects in these pictures. On the other hand for a player to pose as the hero of a fictitious film that lowered the dignity of the game is clearly against official policy.

The Americans allow their players—F. X. Shields is an example—to work at Hollywood under contract; provided they do not appear in lawn tennis pictures. They take the line—and it is quite intelligible—that player should not capitalise their name and fame as amateurs.

But the Americans, like the British and the French, and indeed all countries that stage big championships, are willing to make capital—that is add to their financial resources—by "exhibiting" overseas players who, while retaining their amateur status, are attached to manufacturing companies because of their prowess at the game. Many of these players would be out of the amateur game if they had not this source of income—a perfectly legitimate source in the eyes of the International Federation, let me add.

### Where Big Money Goes

It may be rightly argued that the revenue which governing bodies earn through "big names" on their programmes—and the British L.T.A. through Wimbledon has, of course, made thousands of pounds through a succession of overseas giants—is devoted to propagating the game—making grants to clubs, supplying coaches, organising foreign tours and so on. The money does not pass into the pockets of the players as it would were film contracts are concerned. Yet the associations cannot obviously go on piling up revenue through exhibitions of the amateur game—for that is what it actually means—without considering the careers and future liabilities of their growing family.

This is the real crux of the amateur question, and under the existing organisation of the game it will have to be faced. Those who favour the amendment of the amateur definition are not asking that amateurs and professionals should be brought nearer together.

### Professional Field

They would leave open the field of professionalism to players who teach the game for a living, or play one against the other for a share in the gate. It is a policy whatever Paris may decide which is the logical outcome of events. In effect, it means the narrowing, not the broadening, of the amateur definition.

I hear that the United States Association have lodged a protest with the International Federation against what they describe as "a hurried rush" consideration of such a fundamental change of one of the important established rules of the game.

The point about this

is required to be submitted to the respective governing bodies six months before the annual meeting, and that this rule can only be altered with the unanimous consent of the council. It is to obviate this technical difficulty that the film resolution is to be considered at an extraordinary meeting and not at the annual meeting.

### America's Attitude

The attitude of American officials towards the film proposal is indicated by a leading article in "American Lawn Tennis." They suggest that the attack on amateurism would not stop at the removal of the picture ban.

"The player," this journal declares, "who believes that he can obtain a movie contact may find that he was over-sanguine and that his hopes have been dashed to the ground. He will still be in need of relief and he can scarcely be expected to sit still and wait for something legitimate to turn up. If we legalise the acceptance of a moderate sum of money we will scarcely be in a position to refuse a large one. Under successive assaults the structure of amateurism will crumble and fall."

### Auction For Perry

"American Lawn Tennis claims that Czechoslovakia's proposal, which the governing body of Great Britain has endorsed, is contrary to the amateur spirit as well as to the amateur law. We may concede," it says, "that a player is in equity entitled to some part of the money his play brings in, that an association or club should not get it all. But the remedy is in the player's own hand. If he wants to play for money... all he has to do is to become a professional. If he possesses great skill he will get far more money than he could expect if he conforms to the amateur law."

The same journal heads its opening reference to this topic: "Great Britain's Auction bid for Perry."

### MRS. WILLS MOODY GETTING BACK TO FORM

Practices Services And Drives With American Professional

### San Francisco.

Mrs. Helen Wills Moody, who hopes to return to lawn tennis this season, had 20 minutes of light practice with Howard Kinsey, the professional, recently. She tried service deliveries and drove on both hands from the baseline.

Mrs. Moody appeared to feel no ill effects from her old injury to the back, and she ended by running round the court. It is expected that she will play a serious game in the near future.

### Afternoon

Practices Services And Drives With American Professional

### Goals

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Rangers ... 34 24 4 8 90 40 52

Celtic ... 35 21 10 81 41 46

Hamilton ... 35 18 8 8 83 62 45

Hearts ... 34 18 6 8 78 45 44

Aberdeen ... 34 17 9 8 64 47 42

St. Johnstone ... 35 18 8 9 55 38 40

Dundee ... 37 16 8 13 62 50 40

Motherwell ... 35 14 10 11 76 59 38

Clyde ... 36 18 10 13 68 55 36

Kilmarnock ... 36 15 6 7 71 64 35

Partick ... 35 15 7 16 57 51 34

Hibernian ... 33 12 7 13 52 52 33

Airdrie ... 34 11 7 16 52 45 29

Queen's Park ... 32 9 13 15 49 27 26

Ibrox ... 32 9 8 16 52 46 26

Dundfermline ... 35 11 6 19 51 50 26

Queen O'South ... 36 10 6 19 50 71 26

Ayr ... 35 10 4 21 54 108 24

Falkirk ... 34 9 5 20 50 67 25

St. Mirren ... 35 9 5 21 47 25 22

### HOME FOOTBALL TABLE

(Results on Page 4)

### FIRST DIVISION

Goals

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Ladies' Section, L.G.U. Monthly Medal Competition

### TO-DAY

Scores were—

A. L. Fisher and J. Skinner (Pins Brigade) lost to F. H. Kwok and J. A. Bennett ... 18—21

W. C. Clark and Col. Johnson ... 21—26

M. F. Kwok and R. Koh ... 21—6

J. Gardner and Miss E. Bathurst (H.K.C.C. Mixed Doubles Handicap)

### Thursday's Semi-Final

H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn, holders of the Open Doubles Lawn Tennis championship, will defend their title on Thursday afternoon on the Stand Court of the Cricket Club, weather permitting, when they meet Paul Kong and Leo Wat-tong, their most dangerous challengers.

Admission to the stand will be by ticket at \$1 each, and booking is now open at Mouttie and Company.

### China Mail Sports Diary

(Continued from Page 4)

The last minutes were fraught with excitement as the Bank repeatedly attacked, but the Referee

a Senior League one—had made a careful study of the offside rule and was not caught napping.

H. K. Bank ... H. R. McClelland, I. H. Bradford and G. C. Montral, D. Cumming, L. G. Robertson (Central) and J. Campbell, G. A. Stewart, M. W. Turner, H. A. Browning, B. Fletcher and H. B. H. Hegarty.

Dowell, G. Cairns, J. Wright and Mandy Lovelace, A. Howe, M. Williams, Brown, Bramble, Bowker and Smith.

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## THE NATHAN ROAD CAR FATALITY

### Yesterday's Hearing

#### MR. AINSWORTH COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

At the Kowloon Police Court yesterday afternoon Mr. Abraham Edward Ainsworth, an Inspector of the Star Ferry Company, was committed to stand trial at the next Criminal Sessions by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones on a charge of the manslaughter of Ma Ho-tai, who died as the result of having been knocked down by a car driven by defendant at the junction of Jordan Road and Nathan Road on February 1.

At the conclusion of evidence for the defence, the Magistrate held that there was a case for a jury.

Defendant was allowed bail, securities being as before.

#### Accused's Evidence

Mr. Ainsworth entered the witness box at yesterday's hearing and stated that he was an inspector of the Star Ferry Company. On the day of the accident he left the Star Ferry wharf, Kowloon, about 4.30 p.m. to go to the Kowloon Hospital, driving car No. 4105. He stopped at the Duro Garage, intending to get gasoline, but did not do so because a car going from north to south got in before him. He then left. When passing Harper's Garage his speed was about 30 to 35 miles an hour. Before entering the controlled area he slowed down by taking his foot off the accelerator and placing it on the brake pedal. His speed on entering the controlled area was about 20 miles an hour.

#### The Accident

After entering the area he saw a Chinese male walk from the west traffic island in Jordan Road in a northerly direction across Nathan Road. The man was about 75 feet away. As soon as witness sounded his horn the man doubled back and ran eastward towards the centre traffic beacon.

The brakes were immediately jammed on, but witness saw it was impossible to miss the man with the front of the car, and released his brakes. He released the brakes momentarily because he could not turn right without doing so. His wheels were all locked as far as he knew. The car skidded forward, so witness thought the only way to avoid the man, to release his brakes and make a half-circle to the right. He skidded round on the north traffic refuge island.

#### Helped Injured Man

A car as coming from north to south, driven by Mr. Spary, of the Public Works Department. After helping to carry the man to the car, witness waited for a Police officer to arrive. When Sergeant Mallet arrived witness told him what had happened. Then Traffic Sergeant Paton arrived and witness was asked for his licence, which he produced, and was instructed to make a report at the Water Police Station, which he did. Witness stated he had not previous conviction for driving offences.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

(Continued From Page 6).

**Sugar:** — The market was steady, following the quota announcement by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Refined sugar was unchanged. There was some hedge selling.

**Flashes:** — Mill activity is estimated at 43.8 per cent of capacity as compared with 44.44 per cent the previous week.

Fischer's Weekly Commodity Index was 81.00, against 80.6 last week.

Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company's report on the opening of the market:—

The opening on Wall Street was even, with trading broad and fairly active. Standard Statistics states that developments to disturb the current market equilibrium are not clearly distinguishable. Dividend returns is the primary consideration. Moody's investment believes that business operations and stocks prices are likely to recede during the next few months.

The cotton market was small. There was no pressure to sell. Demand was limited and a trading range is likely to continue.

One case of diphtheria, one case of typhoid fever and four cases of cerebral meningitis were reported to the local Health Authorities during the 48 hours ended Sunday.



Here are two routes possible for the Gibraltar Tunnel. Soundings, however, proved that it will be cheaper to take the course that went the longest way, but not so deep.

## COUNTY MILITIA CORPS

### Kwangtung Reduces Her Protective Guards

In view of the fact that standing and reserve militia corps have been organized and trained in various counties, the provincial authorities have drawn up a plan for the reduction of county protective guards in order to lighten the burden of the people.

It is learned that stages have been fixed for the reduction. In the first stage, protective guards of the first class county will be reorganized into two sections (each section being composed of 100 men); those of the second class county, one section; and those of the third class county, two companies. The discharged men will be used to fill up vacancies in the militia corps.—Central Press.

## SANITARY BOARD MEETING

### Government Letters To Be Read

At to-day's meeting of the Sanitary Board two letters from the Government, one relative to the appointment of Mr. M. K. Lo to be a member of the Sanitary Board for a further term of three years, and the others signifying the approval of the Legislative Council to the amendment of the following by-laws:—(a) Offensive Trade, and (b) Scavenging and Conservancy, will be read.

The regular returns will be laid on the table.

## CEREMONY AT THE CATHEDRAL HALL

### Presentations To Dean Swann And Mr. Mason

A large gathering of over 150 people were present at St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday evening, when farewell presentations were made to the Very Reverend Dean A. Swann and Mr. Frederick Mason, organist of the Cathedral, who are shortly leaving for home.

The Right Reverend Bishop Hall presided and glowing tributes were paid to the recipients by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and Professor L. Forster.

## PORTUGUESE LADY LAID TO REST

### Burial At Catholic Cemetery

### MANY TOKENS OF RESPECT

The funeral of the late Miss Paula Lizola (Man) Rocha whose death occurred at the St. Francis Hospital took place yesterday at the Roman Catholic Cemetery. Deceased is survived by two brothers, E. Rocha and C. L. Rocha, and Mrs. F. Oliva, widow of Alberto, Antonia and Victorina, and daughters, Stella, Tony and children, Nena, Adico and children, Carmilla, Estelita and children, Tony Rocha, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rocha, Mr. and Mrs. Oliva and family, Mano and children, Mr. and Mrs. S. Oliva, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Matias, Mr. and Mrs. Boni Souza, Dr. and Mrs. Fernandes, and minor relatives, Maria, Jose, Francisco and many others.

## MRS. T. C. FAIRBURN LAID TO REST

### Burial At Colonial Cemetery

### LARGE GATHERING PAY LAST RESPECTS

The funeral of Mrs. Kathleen Charlotte French Fairburn, wife of Mr. T. C. Fairburn, who died at the French Hospital on Sunday, following the birth of child, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The Reverend H. W. Balnes officiated.

Amongst those who attended the funeral were Messrs. W. Stoker and A. L. Fisher (representing the Society of Yorkshiresmen in Hong Kong).

Wreaths were sent by the following:

"Tommy, Micky, Elsie and Fred;" "Alfred and Marjorie;" "Kenneth, D'Arcy, Dorak, Helan and Hugh Fisher;" "Topsy, John and Pip;" "Thyn and Peter;" Rita Taylor, Ian Dunnott and Leonard Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Fairburn, Mr. James H. Hoare, Mr. H. T. Buxton, Mr. H. R. Semmellink, Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Groves, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Castle, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, M. M. Bergauert, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hudson, Mr. E. M. Beavis, Miss Norah Homes, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. S. Alexander, Mr. D. W. MacEwen, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Shannon, Mr. B. E. Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. Sommersett, Mr. J. Hydak, Mr. Charles Black, Mrs. R. Johanneen and A. W. Hoy Edie, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Childe, Messrs. G. B. and Jamish Dinkley, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Humphreys, Mr. T. R. B. Coyland, Hon. Mr. Burlington and Mrs. Burlington, Mr. F. O. Chalmers, Mr. L. F. Nicholson, Mr. A. C. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldman, Mr. K. A. Munro, Mr. G. A. Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Watts, Mr. J. P. Gardiner, Mr. M. N. Coates, Mr. J. C. Pool, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Pearce, The Dolly Varden Hat Shop, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, The Chairman and members of the Society of Yorkshiresmen, The Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Co., The Chairman and members of the China Home and Freight Conference, and The Sworn Measurers' Office.

At the Mohammedan Cemetery yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Mr. S. Haroon, of the Hong Kong Daily Press, who succumbed to typhoid on Sunday afternoon at the French Hospital, took place in the presence of a large attendance of friends and relatives.

Amongst those present at the funeral were:—Messrs. E. and I. Haroon (brothers of the deceased), Lieut. Col. H. L. Murrow (Managing Director of the Hong Kong Daily Press), Mrs. W. L. Ramsey, Dr. H. el Arculli, Dr. S. A. M. Sopher, Messrs. M. K. Lo and M. F. Key (representing the Rotary Club), Messrs. C. M. S. Alves, R. M. da Rosa, Wal Po-cheung, Chou Po-yiu, S. R. Ismail, H. M. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, D. Rumjahn, S. A. Rumjahn, E. Arculli, F. M. el Arculli, M. el Arculli, Abdul Curreen, A. A. Abbas, A. R. Abbas, A. H. Abbas, W. A. Zimmern, A. G. Suffad, E. C. Fincher, E. Sadick, R. M. Omar, U. M. Omar, A. K. Ismail, S. F. Ismail, A. Bakar, T. Hamet Pang Kwok-sui, M. P. Madar, A. H. Madar, A. R. Minu, W. H. Young, S. D. Mehal, M. Abdullah, Wong Kam-fat, A. S. Suffad and O. el Arculli, Jr.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. H. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. U. Hun, Mr. and Mrs. U. Hoisang, Mr. R. A. Carroll and Mrs. R. Carroll.

Mr. F. Wong and family, and Miss Violet Yeo.

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#### The Stresa Conference

The list of agenda for the Conference of British, French, and Italian delegates who are now on their way to Stresa looks much more like an enumeration of all the problems that Europe would like to get rid of than a forecast of what the delegates will be able to settle. And the open questions that lie behind the agenda are even more fundamental. The payment of National Debts has already been practically classified amongst optional acts of state, and now the observation of Treaties is being put into the same category. The Conference will consider the question of taking a common line of action on the League Council when the question of the discarding of the Disarmament section of the Versailles Treaty comes up in connection with the French complaint. That particular discussion will be purely academic, for observance of the discarded scheme could only be enforced by a war, and neither the three Powers nor the League itself has the wish or the power to enforce it. The question is none the less one that must be faced: it raises the whole problem of whether the whole Versailles settlement is to be treated as no longer binding upon Germany; and if not on Germany then on what logical basis is it binding on anyone else? And where are repudiations to stop? One can hardly look forward with satisfaction to the enforcement on small and weak nations of what has been waived for the stronger, for that is setting aside once for all the League's foundation principle of the substitution of justice for force. Incidentally too, the procedure itself is a concession to the old system of measuring arguments by military strength, for if the Council should meekly adopt a solution arrived at Stresa, what becomes of the principle of consulting the smaller Powers? How does the procedure differ from the old "Concert of Europe"?

A still bigger query lies behind: What was the "First World War" fought for? When the Reparations were put on the scrap heap, everybody was relieved. They were frankly impossible of payment or collection, and nobody could pretend that we went to war to compel Germany to pay impossible sums of money to France. Then came the territorial questions; nobody could assert that we went to war to alter European boundaries. We incurred much resentment in Paris by vetoing the scheme of the extension of France to the left bank of the Rhine. The Conference will get down to first principles in quite another mat-

HERE, THERE  
and  
EVERWHERE

#### ITALY IN WALES

It is to be hoped that Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis, who has bought the St. Tudno Islands, off the Carnarvonshire peninsula, will repeat there his experiment at Portmeirion.

At Portmeirion he laid out what has been described as "an Italian scene popped down in Wales"—a delightful model village embodying the positive side of all his many protests against the desecration of the countryside by ribbon development and jerry-building.

Mr. Williams-Ellis, who is one of the most charming of architects, is an indefatigable campaigner for a more beautiful if not a "brighter" Britain.

#### FORGOTTEN STAIRCASE

He was the architect who was responsible for the conversion of Stowe from a ducal palace to a public school, and very successful he was.

There was only one small flaw. Perhaps the spirit of Sir John Vanbrugh—who is supposed to have been given to the same form of forgetfulness—was too pervasive in the eighteenth-century surroundings.

Mr. Williams-Ellis omitted to put a staircase in one whole wing of a new house. To this day the substitute iron fire-escape provides the only means of communication from one floor to the next.

#### Your Daily Smile!

More If Possible  
Brude: "You must not expect me to give up my girlhood ways all at once." Husband: "That's all right, little girl; go on taking an allowance from your father just as if nothing had happened."

Restaurant Tac  
The manager in an elite restaurant was horrified when a patron tied his napkin around his neck. Calling a boy, he asked him to make the gentleman understand, as tactfully as he could, that such things were not done.

The boy approached and asked seriously: "Shave or haircut, sir?"

An Optimist  
"What is an optimist, Daddy?" "Well, child, he is a fellow who goes into a hotel without baggage and asks to have a cheque cashed."

Oho!

A humane agent in northern Minnesota was called one day to the country, where a man was reported as not properly feeding his horse.

Said the agent: "Why do you keep that horse, anyway?"

The man answered, "I have to have him to cut the hay."

"Hay for what?" inquired the agent.

"Hay to feed the horse," replied the man.

#### LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The cadets of the Polish Training ship, Dar Pomorza, were entertained at a tea-dance given in the Seaman's Institute yesterday afternoon. The Rev. C. Brown was responsible for the arrangements.

A Dinner Dance will be held at the Repulse Bay Hotel to-morrow. The last bus will leave Repulse Bay for Hong Kong at 1 a.m.

All ladies who were supplied with small collecting tins by the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children last spring are requested to return same to Mrs. Hospes, c/o the Helena May Institute, not later than Monday, May 6.

Three Chinese stokers, Yung Yu-kai, Hung Chi-fu, and Sung Chung-wing of the ss. Benvenuto, were each fined \$7, in default 10 days' hard labour by Mr. W. M. Thomson at the Central Police Court this morning for fighting in the compound of No. 7 Police Station.

Appearing at the Kowloon Magistrate this morning on a charge of stealing a wrist watch from his brother, Leung Kan-fuk, a 19-year-old unemployed, was discharged by Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones, when the brother stated that he had given his consent for the watch to be taken away.

Taking advantage of having free access to all the cubicles at No. 1 Tai Ping Street, Shaukiwa, Wu Young, unemployed, was fined \$50, in default one month's hard labour, for stealing a wrist watch valued at \$10. Mr. W. Scammon, at the Central Police Court, said.

## BRITAIN'S DANGER AT SEA

### WHAT IF SHE LOST HER OIL SUPPLIES?

#### ALL HER FIGHTING SHIPS SHOULD BE DUAL-FIRED

(By Admiral Sir Reginald Hall)

London. land, civil, and commercial transport, many important industries, and a growing proportion of commercial and domestic heating are now wholly dependent on oil. Obviously, if oil fails, our fighting forces on sea and on land will be wholly immobilised.

#### Navy's Double Task

In war there is always one factor that is immeasurable. That is the constancy of the civil population. Let the country suddenly wake up to the fact that we are dependent on oil. May not the Government at any moment be driven to put an embargo on any non-military use of the fuel on which our ability to fight depends?

#### Sea-Borne Food

Between the time of Julius Caesar and William of Normandy we were invaded and completely, or in part, conquered again and again. There was no Navy to meet the enemy at sea, no means of knowing where a sea enemy would land. But for nearly 900 years now we have neither been invaded nor conquered. Nor, until 1914, could we have been conquered without being invaded.

But between the battle of Trafalgar and August, 1914, the industrial revolution, by taking so many of the population off the land and putting them into factories, had made us dependent on seaborne food. It was at once an economic, and consequently a strategic, revolution. The first task of the British Fleet became, not to keep our coasts inviolate, but to keep our food supply intact.

How complete is the revolution was seen in 1917. Without defeat at sea, there was a time between the beginning of the submarine campaign and the discovery of its counter when the paradox seemed true that while the Grand Fleet was invincible, the enemy's under-water fleet might make it impossible for us to maintain our armies abroad or to feed our population at home. Until the counter was in action we were faced with surrender without the enemy having achieved a military victory either on land or on sea.

#### Dependence On Oil

Since 1918 our armies have once more been revolutionised, and again by the introduction of economic transformation. The Navy's task in 1914 was simplified by the fact that, though some of our small craft were designed to use oil as long as it was available, all but a few of our battleships and cruisers, on which the brunt of the fighting would fall, had unrestricted access to our inexhaustible coal supplies.

All this is changed to-day. With a few exceptions, which are not important, the British Navy in war can now keep the seas and fight only so long as the oil stored last, and so long as the supply of oil is assured. If the stores are gone and the supply cut off, the Fleet is immobilised. Thus before the Navy can keep our sea supplies intact, it must see to its own oil supplies. Here we are faced with the strangest paradox of all.

Trinidad and Burma are our only British-owned sources of oil, and between them provide only a fraction of our needs.

#### Dependent On Neutrals

For the rest, we are dependent on neutrals forsaking their neutrality to the extent of supplying us with the first necessity of war, or on the enemy's not cutting off the supply at its sources, or on those sources not being at the mercy of sabotage.

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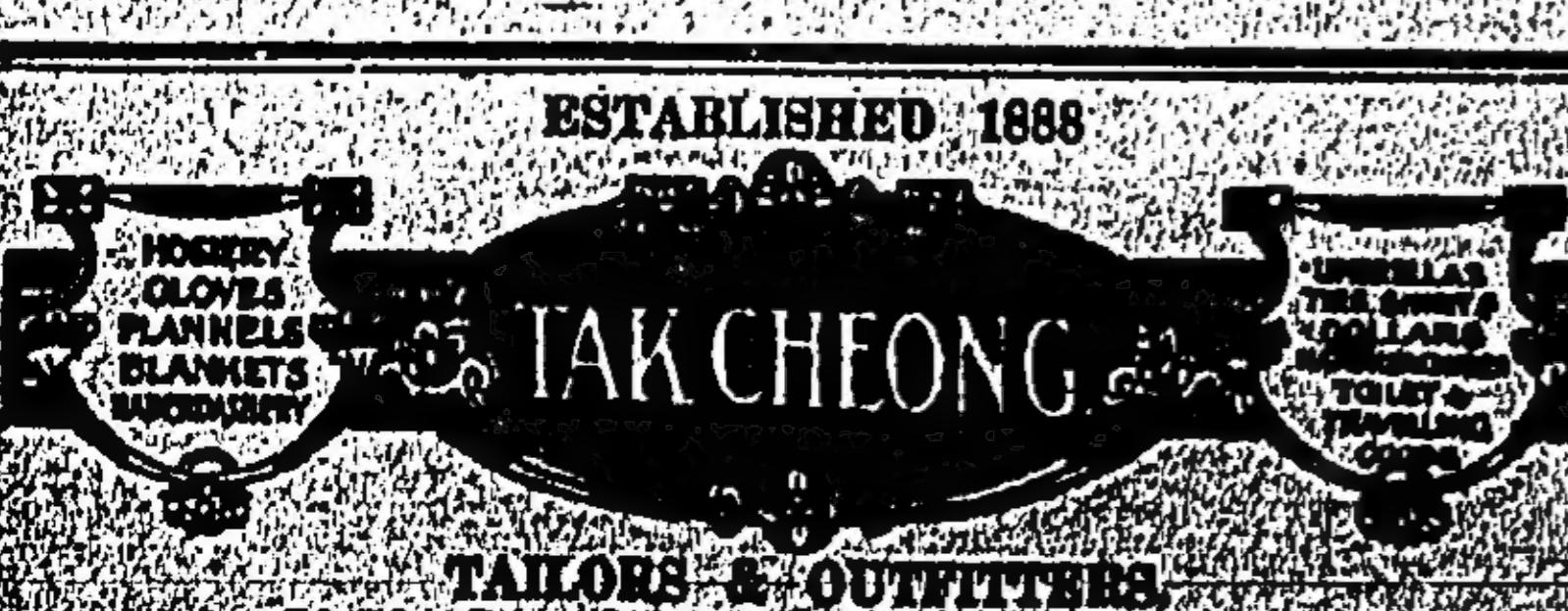
## GERMAN CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY

### Committed To House Of Detention

#### WILL BE SENT BACK TO HIS COUNTRY

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Central Police Court this morning, Max Georg Joseph Brink, a German, was charged with vagrancy.

Defendant admitted that he was without employment and with no visible means of livelihood. Detective Sergeant Russell said that the defendant, who was in a destitute condition and with no fixed abode, was arrested yesterday. He arrived from Canton on Saturday last, and had been travelling to different places trying to find boxing matches. He wished to go to Rangoon, where he says he has property. The German Consul, however, did not recommend this, but advised him to pack to Germany. Defendant was committed to the House of Detention pending a trial and bail was made to send him out of the Colony.



**CROSS-WORD CONTEST****Theatre Seats Are To Be Won**

Do you want to win dress circle seats to see Joe E. Brown's latest and most hilarious comedy, "Six-day Bike Rider" at the Central Theatre?

All you have to do is to send in your solution, with the crossword cut from this issue, and accompanied with your full name and address, to the Crossword Editor, China Mail, to reach this office not later than noon to-morrow (Wednesday). The first three correct solutions opened will be awarded two dress circle tickets for the Central Theatre.

"Six-day Bike Rider" opens at the Central Theatre on Friday.

**Clues****ACROSS:**

1. Wormlike letter
2. Personal pronoun
3. Film
4. Quick smear
5. Astringent
6. River in Russia
7. Exist
8. Personal pronoun
9. Kentucky
10. Elongated fish
11. Beams of light
12. Anger
13. Dental surgeon
14. Fifth letter
15. Letter preceding S
16. Pertaining to tides
17. Man's name
18. Hirata
19. First name, initial and last name of star
20. Witty saying
21. Mixed type
22. Atop
23. Definite article
24. First name, initial and last name of star
25. Musical instrument with pipes
26. Wind instrument
27. Lubricant
28. Anger
29. Dress-protector
30. Ancient Greek roofed theatre
31. Five
32. Neuter pronoun
33. Wise bird
34. Behold
35. First letter
36. Tibetan priest
37. Entrance
38. Snob
39. Turkish officer
40. Feminine pronoun
41. Prefix, three
42. One hundred and ten
43. River in Russia
44. South Kensington
45. Editor

1. Four-word picture title
2. Worth
3. Twelvemonths
4. Letter following S
5. Insect
6. Personal pronoun
7. Alkali solution
8. Eighteenth letter
9. Nickname for James
10. In favour of
11. First of most beautiful building
12. Smell
13. Musical instrument of Padewski
14. Middle-Western state
15. Devour
16. Nought
17. Sixth letter
18. Before
19. Hebrew name for God
20. Correlative of either
21. Long Island
22. Old form of you
23. Second letter
24. Large
25. Vase
26. Second letter
27. Egyptian sun god
28. Louisiana
29. Symbol for tellurium
30. Either
31. Open, poetic
32. Commotion
33. Small bird
34. Tenor violin
35. Understood
36. Neither
37. Fifty
38. Couple
39. Five hundred
40. Yonder, poetic
41. Hired carriage
42. Drunkard
43. Carved onyx
44. Edge of land
45. Four-word title of picture

**NOT ENTERED ON MANIFEST****No Claimants For Seized Cargo****CONFISCATION ORDERED**

Unmanifested cargo, consisting of 422 catties of rice, 228 catties of sugar, and 50 catties of sulphur, found on the s.s. *Hai Hing* on Wednesday last by P.C. Noran, was this morning ordered to be confiscated by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Central Police Court.

The Magistrate also granted the application of Lance-Sergeant Grainger of the Hong Kong Police for the confiscation of 1,100 packets of matches, 50 catties of salt and 85 catties of sugar, which were found on Friday last on board the s.s. *Stanley* at the Kwong Wing Wharf.

No one had come forward to claim the goods, which did not appear on the ship's manifest.

**MANCHUKUO TO HAVE ITS "BRAIN TRUST"**

Following the fashion set by President Roosevelt, the Manchukuo Government has decided to establish a "brain trust," which will be charged with the study of national policies and enterprises. *China* learns

**COLLEGE-TRAINED SERVANTS****Effect Of American Depression****DOMESTIC SERVICE NO LONGER DESPISED**

A few years ago college-bred girls would have disdained domestic service. The depression has changed that — to some extent at least. Some of them are willing to try their hands at anything to make an honest living.

So it is that the Y.W.C.A. of Orange, New Jersey, has begun a new venture. Under the direction of Miss Anna Davis, General Secretary of the local branch, unemployed young women of high-school or college education, will be used to supply the demand for cooks, house-keepers, nursesmaids, and companions to elderly persons.

"From time to time," said Miss Davis, "young women, educated for a business career, but unable to find work, have told us they would take any respectable job, even though it entailed working in homes as cooks, nurses or companions."

A new bureau established by the Y.W.C.A. will serve as an employment contact agency and all negotiations will be carried on secretly.

**ASIA SALVAGE****Valuation And Market Prices Differ****CONSULTATION TO BE HELD WITH APPOINTED SURVEYOR**

A recurrence of the case in which the Sing Hing Steamship Co., owners of the s.s. *Shun Chih*, and the Tou Sang Hong Co., charterers of the s.s. *Apocay*, claimed compensation for the salvage of the s.s. *Asia* in January of this year, was heard before His Honour, the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. A. Macgregor, at the Supreme Court this morning.

At the last hearing His Lordship appointed the Admiralty Marshall to make an appraisement of the value of the vessel.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., appearing for the owners of the *Shun Chih*, stated this morning that Mr. D. A. Purves, M.I.M.E., the surveyor appointed by the Admiralty Marshall, had appraised the s.s. *Asia* at \$40,000.

At the same time a well-known local firm of ship-brokers had sent a letter to the owners of the vessel offering them \$42,000 for the ship. Mr. Sheldon contended that the valuation awarded must be the same as the market price of the vessel.

**Registrar Called**

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, representing the defendant, said that Mr. Purves had been fully aware of the offer of \$42,000 when he made his appraisal. As difficulty arose with regard to this question, His Lordship requested that Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, the Registrar, be brought into court.

Mr. Hazlerigg stated that Mr. Purves had been in receipt of a letter notifying him of the offer before he sent in his report of appraisement.

His Lordship said that if Mr. Sheldon considered that it would make things any easier he would adjourn the hearing until tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of having a consultation with Mr. Purves. Mr. Sheldon agreed that it might simplify matters.

**PICKPOCKET TAKEN IN THE ACT****Student Robbed Of Fountain Pen****GAOL FOR THIEF FOLLOWED BY POLICE SUPERVISION**

Lam Shun, aged 28, unemployed, was this morning sentenced to six months' hard labour and two years' police supervision by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Central police court, for the larceny of a fountain pen from the person of Lau Hon-nau, a student, at Connaught Road Central.

It was stated that the complainant was walking near Cleverly Street, when he felt some one push him from behind and, on turning round, saw the defendant trying to hide the pen, which had been taken from his breast pocket, with his hat.

A Chinese detective who happened to be there arrested the defendant with the pen in his possession.

**DENIES THREE TIMES IN GAOL.****Receiver Remanded Pending Inquiries**

After being proved guilty of receiving a brass tap which had been stolen from the s.s. *Kum Sang*, Un Chi, a 36-year-old unemployed, was remanded for two days as he denied being in gaol three times, as his record card showed, by Mr. E. L. Wynne Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendant pleaded not guilty, but after evidence of the Chinese Detective and Mr. J. Faint, the chief officer of the *Kum Sang*, he was convicted.

On defendant's record card were previous convictions for rioting against the Japanese in 1931; larceny, giving false statements to a pawn shop and obtaining money by false pretences.

He, however, stated that he had been born only twice, and was remanded so that inquiry could be made.

**To-day's Short Story****A Matter Of Minutes**

By Stuart Macrae

M. Stanley Maldon eyed his wrist-watch with disgust as his chauffeur swung the big car into the kerb outside the Burchester Branch of the Central Bank, Ltd. He must have knocked it on something. The glass was smashed and was evidently fouling the hands, for they registered only twenty past three.

The correct time as shown by the dashboard clock was 3.40 p.m.—which was as it should be. Mr. Maldon liked working absolutely to time; in fact, it was almost a mania with him. That was the main reason why to few very select friends he was known as "System Stanley." His real name was Stanley Briggs.

For the benefit of the few passers-by who might be looking his way, Mr. Maldon, after alighting and closing the door of the car, leaned through the window and apparently gave some instructions to his chauffeur. The man saluted smartly, and the big car slid quietly away.

Mr. Maldon looked after it sadly. He would be sorry to lose that car. Actually it wasn't worth more than \$100 or so, and it was costing a small fortune to run. But it looked a most prosperous outfit and it was really very comfortable. It seemed a pity he would have to

**TRANSVAAL GOLD PRODUCTION****Drop In Output For Last Two Years****HIGHER VALUE DESPITE DECLINE**

According to statistics published by the Transvaal Chamber of Mines, the output of gold in the Transvaal during 1934 amounted to \$10,486,393 fine ounces, a reduction of 531,102 fine ounces from the total production in 1933 and of 1,667,171 fine ounces from the record figure of 11,553,564 fine ounces recorded in 1932.

During the last two years of the War and in the early post-War period there was a persistent decline in gold mining activity in the Transvaal, but after 1922, production steadily increased and, following the suspension of the gold standard by Great Britain in September, 1931, a sharp advance in output took place in 1932.

The Union of South Africa departed from the gold standard towards the end of that year and the subsequent decline in the volume of production is attributable to the fact that advantage is being taken of the rise in the price of gold to concentrate a greater amount of activity upon the lower-grade ores.

By this means the length of life of the mines has been prolonged. It is noticeable that, although compared with 1933, the quantity of gold produced in the Transvaal recorded a decline, the total value rose from \$67,803,909 to \$71,645,606, owing to the higher price of gold.

Employment in the gold mining industry has also increased and, at the end of December, the number of natives engaged by members of the Witwatersrand and Central Labour Association and contractors had risen to 252,038,

an expansion of 16,297 compared with the end of 1933.

"Sorry to keep you waiting, sir," he said a moment later as he removed the chain and opened the door. "Will you come in and have a word with Mr. Stanton?"

"Thank you," Mr. Maldon stepped gracefully over the threshold and at the same moment the electrician outside, who had emerged from his burrow to grapple with a coil of wire, apparently succeeded in disentangling it to his satisfaction and went to earth again.

"Sorry to bother you after hours, Mr. Stanton," said Mr. Maldon as he advanced to the counter with a smile.

"Not at all. I hear you've had some notes stolen. Were they the ones you drew out this morning?"

The other nodded. "Yes, the whole lot. It was \$150, if you remember, in fivers. And I thought if you could let me have the numbers the police might be able to trace some of them. Someone down at the Grand Hotel managed to lift my pocket-book at lunch-time, unless I dropped it somewhere, and I'm pretty sure I didn't."

"Bad luck," said Mr. Stanton sympathetically. "Yes, I can certainly give you the numbers. If you'll wait a minute I'll—Hello!"

The telephone had gone out, making the room look gloomy, in contrast, although plenty of light streamed through the long windows.

Chief Detective Shannon opposed the door, stating that he was not in possession of the full facts. "One of our men found a very ancient-looking automaton which was pointing straight at him."

"I have seen it," said Mr. Stanton, "but I don't know what it is. It's a Chinese object, I think."

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## A Matter Of Minutes

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"I must ask you, Mr. Stanton, to be good enough to move over to that clear space a little behind you — thank you." The automatic swung round to cover the messenger, who had made a movement. "You will please stay exactly where you are for the moment, and you — the gun pointed at the assistant cashier now — will stop wasting your energy pressing that alarm bell — if you'd think a moment you'd realize it's as dead as mutton now the current is cut off — and join Mr. Stanton. That's right."

A knock sounded on the door, and the three men looked up eagerly. Mr. Maldon smiled. "That will be my assistant," he said. "Or, if it happens to be a caller, my assistant will be with him. I arranged for him to knock exactly one minute after the lights went out. You will open the door to him." He pointed the automatic at the messenger.

The man hesitated and glanced across at his chief. Mr. Maldon spoke again, and his voice had suddenly become brisk. "Look sharp about it," he said. "Do you think that after spending the best part of three months planning this little affair I'm going to let anything go wrong through being afraid to shoot?"

Evidently the messenger didn't. He moved over to the door with alacrity.

"No. Take the chain off first — right off. Now stand at the side — that's right — and open the door. Stay where you are."

In a second the door was shut again, and Mr. Maldon's chauffeur was standing inside.

"All right, Jim. Truss them up. Do the feet first."

"The idea of tying your feet up first," explained Mr. Maldon kindly, when Jim had completed this part of the work, "is that the current is only off for five minutes. When my man outside makes the connection your very admirable system of alarm signals will be in working order again, so it wouldn't do for any of you to be able to move about. We can now take our time over securing your hands and gagging you so that you can't make a noise. Ah! here are the lights. Rather well worked out, isn't it?"

Nobody answered him. "You see," Mr. Maldon was feeling in an expansive mood, "it would no doubt be simpler to leave the current off altogether, but I understand that in such a case your strong-room door could not be opened — which wouldn't suit me at all."

While he had been speaking, Mr. Maldon had been wandering about behind the counter pocketing the few bundles of notes that had not yet been cleared from the cashier's till — he hated missing anything. Now he stooped down and gently lifted Stanton's keys from his pocket. "I'm going along there now," he added. "You might come and give me a hand when you're through, Jim."

"All right, chief, I'll be along." The newspapers had very kindly furnished Mr. Maldon with full details not only of the novel alarm arrangements, but also of the burglar-proof strong room that had been installed at the Burchester Bank. For on two previous occasions this particular bank had been the scene of hold-ups and Head Office had taken steps to see that such a thing could not possibly happen again. Unfortunately, though, the directors had not counted on the ingenuity of Mr. Maldon.

Burchester happened to be the nearest sizeable town to a large military camp situated on the downs and the popularity of its bank with lawless gentlemen was accounted for by the fact that every week from Thursday mid-day to Friday morning at 10 o'clock it housed, in its strong room approximately six thousand pounds in notes of small denominations by arrangement with his Majesty's Paymaster General. Since the greater part of this sum had been removed unofficially on two occasions, it was natural that the bank should be willing to make quite exceptional arrangements for safeguarding in the future.

As the paper said, the burglar-proof device that had been installed were unique. In the first place, there was an elaborate alarm system whereby any movement of any kind in the room caused one or half a dozen buttons con-

cealed at strategic points in the main room to bring into action not only continuously ringing bells outside the building, but also a signal light at the police station half a mile away. For the sake of reliability this system had been made to operate from the service mains — which, from Mr. Maldon's point of view, was a very sensible arrangement.

Even more ingenious was the strong room in the basement, to which Mr. Maldon was now wending his way. It followed orthodox lines (as much as the room itself was completely enclosed in thick reinforced concrete) that nobody in their senses would attempt to tunnel through; but the great thing about it was the door mechanism. It carried no cumbersome combination locks — in fact, at the proper time anyone could open it after inserting and turning two quite small Yale pattern keys.

But only at the proper time. Between the massive steel plates was housed clock-controlled gear operating mechanism which withdrew the massive bolts at 9.30 each week-day morning, and shot them back into position at 10.30 — repeating the performance in the afternoon, so that the strong room was available between 8 p.m. and 4 p.m. On Saturday afternoons and on Sunday the withdrawal gear, with almost human intelligence, went off duty, and the door remained locked.

The time which Mr. Maldon had at his disposal was necessarily short, but it was long enough. When one worked to schedule there was no need for fury. The hands that inserted the two keys were as steady as rocks, and their owner pulled open the heavy door and walked quite unhesitatingly into the strong room. He did not even another diamond. East of course trouble to turn round as the door now played low, and South, guessing with a gentle wish behind the situation correctly, played the King. West knew, be opened with a push, and won with the Ace and now had no choice but to lead the heart Queen. South won in his own hand, picked up the remaining trumps by another finesse against West's Queen-eight, and then ran the rest of his diamonds. He thus fulfilled his doubled contract with an overtrick for a plus of 940 points — 500 for Messrs. Maier and Fry combined plus of 440 below the line and 200 for the overtrick. The 940 plus of Meissner, Watson resulted in a swing for the team of 1600 points.

What the papers had not told him, but what Mr. Maldon, with his usual thoroughness, had succeeded in finding out in conversation with one of the men who had been employed in the building of the strong room, was that if that door were propped open — and the average interloper with his claustrophobic tendencies would be pretty certain to prop it open — the alarms would automatically be set off after a few minutes. A very neat little trap, that, he admitted — and it also guarded against the possibility of anyone propping open the door to prevent the bolts from shooting home at closing time with a view to effecting an entry later on during the "closed" hours.

Until this information had come into his possession, Mr. Maldon had intended to adopt these very tactics. Then he had worked out a scheme whereby the electric supply would be permanently cut off while he was operating, thus keeping the alarms out of action, only to discover that in these circumstances the strong room door would remain locked — for the withdrawal mechanism was electronically operated.

After that he had tried to devise ways and means of stopping the clock so that the door would not lock at the appointed hour — but there was no way of getting at that clock. It was securely tucked away behind steel plates, and was driven by spring gear which was self-winding every month. No doubt some provision was made for inspecting the dial but that wouldn't help much.

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## COST OF PUTTING MAN IN GAOL

### Prisoner Obliged

Willard Mical, who has been in a Pennsylvania jail since December 17 because he owes the equivalent of \$304 for taxes, has been doing a little arithmetic for the Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged valuable goods are examined.

All brokers, chafed, and damaged



Stanley Prystup (above), a member of the New York City Police Department, wrote to Governor Hoffmann of New Jersey offering to die in the electric chair in place of Bruno Hauptmann, if the latter would pay \$6,000 for the support of his family.



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Empress of Japan May 17	May 19	May 22	May 24	May 30	June 4	
Empress of Asia May 31	June 2	June 4	June 6	June 8	June 15	June 21
Empress of Canada June 14	June 16	June 18	June 21	June 23	July 8	
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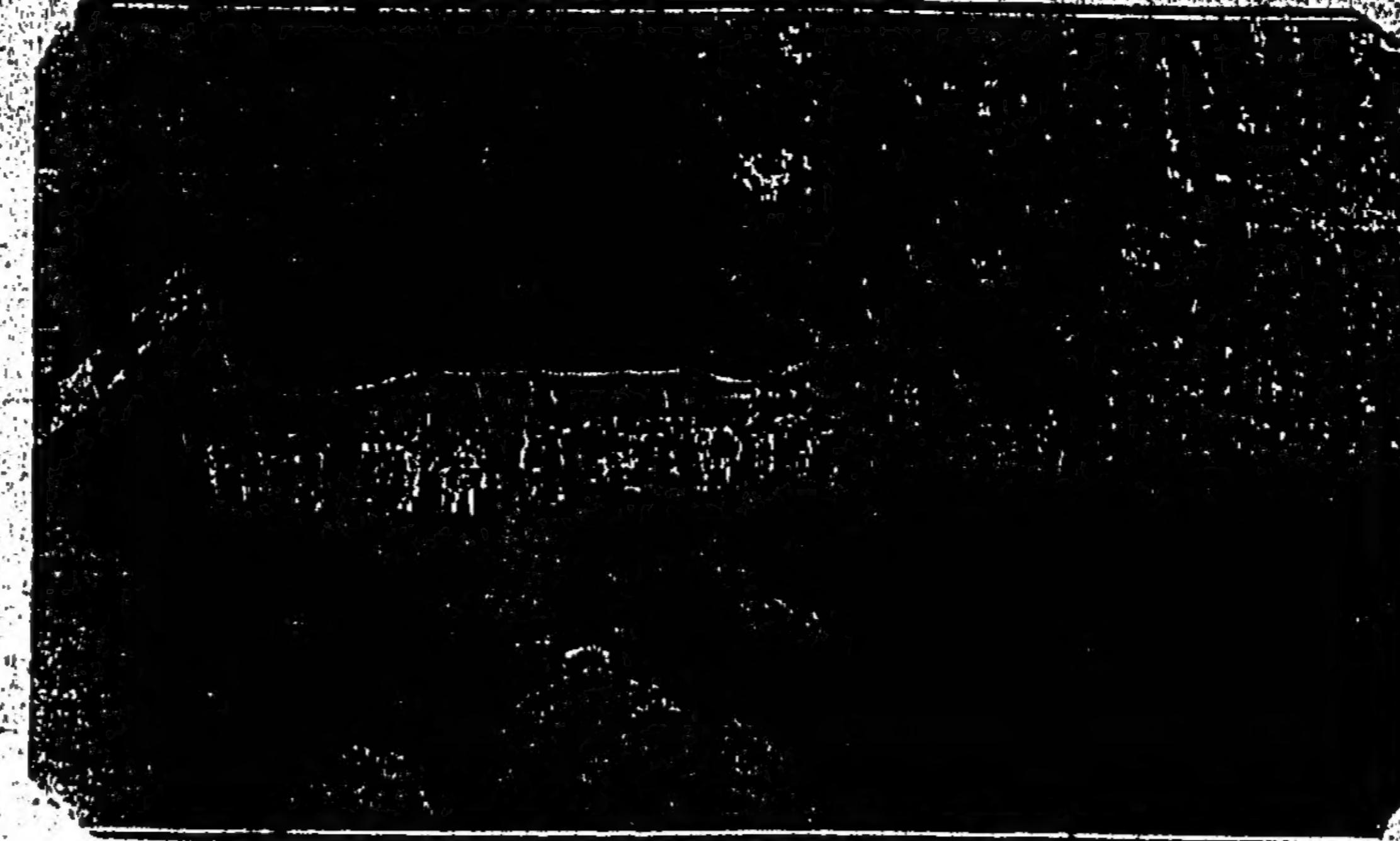
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## A Matter Of Minutes

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Yes, Mr. Maldon handed it to the people who had designed this outfit. They certainly knew their work well. He had had to do quite a lot of hard thinking to find a fool-proof plan for side-stepping all these safeguards. But he had succeeded in the end, as he always did. No problem was insoluble if you went about it systematically.

The portmanteau he had brought in that morning was standing over in the corner. Mr. Maldon lugged it into the centre of the room, broke the seals, opened it, and proceeded to unload the lumps of old iron wrapped in sacking which it contained. In their place he stowed away neatly the packages of notes which, as he had expected, were piled up in a large steel cupboard he had noticed on first entering the room. It had been locked, but it had taken him only a moment to find the key on Stan-ton's ring.

Mr. Maldon was rather pleased with the way the trunk accommodated not only the best part of that £8000 which was in notes, but also all the other odd packets of notes he found about the place — small notes, that is to say. He wasn't interested in the big stuff, it was dangerous trying to get it changed. Still he'd got a very satisfactory haul. Now to find Jim to be through by now. He pulled open the door and made his way upstairs.

It was typical of Mr. Maldon that he had not been worrying about the time. A lesser man in his position, with his watch out of action, would have been wasting precious seconds rushing about to find out the time in the fear that 4 o'clock would arrive and leave him trapped in the strong room. Mr. Maldon was not like that. He had rehearsed the whole affair, including the loading and unloading of the trunk, so many times he knew exactly what margin he had in hand — and it was a small enough one. Now, he did study the clock at the top of the stairs.

Time was valuable to him, but he was almost disappointed to see that it was only nine minutes to four. He had reckoned it would be nearer five to four before he was through. Still, when it came to the actual performance, one could generally save a few minutes on rehearsal time. All the same on reaching the main room he took the precaution of checking up with another clock. The hand jumped to the eight minute mark as he watched it.

"Everything in order, Jim?" "Yes, chief. This fellow didn't seem to like me pinching his right, though. Most awkward he was — kept on kicking when I was trying to get his trousers off. I'd have been through in half the time if you'd let me do him up."

Mr. Maldon, watching his henchman climbing into the menswear's uniform, smiled and shook his head. "Never resort to violence, Jim. Unless you're driven to it. It doesn't pay. Anyway there's no need to get flustered. We've got a couple of minutes to spare."

Proposing him off against the counter, Mr. Maldon lit a cigarette and reviewed the situation. Punctually at four o'clock, Mr. Maldon, having changed his engineer's overalls for a tunic and uniform, would be outside with the car. In the event of a hold-up, he would carry a trunk from the bank to the car. There would be nothing

to arouse suspicion. Twenty-five minutes later that car would be abandoned at the predetermined spot on the down an' dith party would transfer to another one which Jim would pick up on the way — it was waiting ready at the garage. There would then be no earthly reason why the police should stop them on their journey to the isolated farm in the Highlands where Mr. Maldon intended to live in seclusion for a while and grow a beard and moustache.

After that he was going to have an extended holiday on the Continent — and he felt he deserved it. This job had taken three months' hard work. He had had to spend quite a bit of money, too, on taking a large furnished house in the district and getting known to the bank as a moneyed man of leisure. It was pleasant to think that he was leaving only a few odd pounds in his account. Really, although he said it himself, it was a master planning things so that the withdrawal of a large sum on the very day of his departure should serve as the excuse for his gaining admission after hours.

"All set," Jim was doing up the last button.

"Good," Mr. Maldon coolly extinguished his cigarette on the floor and glanced up at the clock. Six minutes to four. Just a comfortable margin. He led the way to the strongroom; it amused him to see the way Jim jumped as the door swished to behind them.

"It's all right, Jim. You're not locked in. Now just take that end, will you? You'll find it a bit heavy."

Blick. For a moment Mr. Maldon stood motionless with his end of the trunk uplifted. Then he lowered it quickly to the ground and strode over to the steel door. It was immovable. His fingers encountered a small knob. He tugged at it for a moment until he found that it moved to one side to slide open a small panel. A clock face was revealed — and the hands were precisely at four o'clock.

Mr. Maldon's face was a little pale as he turned round. "Make yourself at home, Jim," he said. "I have an idea we shall be here until 9.30 to-morrow morning. Something seems to have gone wrong. Now, I wonder where I slipped up."

"If it's System," said Detective-Inspector Baldwin of Scotland Yard, "and from what you tell me I'm inclined to think it is — we shan't have any bother. He's not the shooting kind. But when the time comes, I'll open the door only a crack and have a word with him. Whoever it is first. You'd better keep that gun handy, just in case."

The local Inspector nodded. "You man had better keep behind me." He motioned to the uniformed sergeant and two constables who were with him.

"Another five minutes to wait," he remarked. The Scotland Yard man as he glanced at the clock at the top of the stairs. So you don't jump to it. Hurrah! What does that mean?"

The door had clicked.

"All these close are wrong," explained the Inspector. There's electric — and these clever fellows cut off the juice for five minutes at a time."

The R.M.C. Empire, a 10,000-ton liner, continued on her voyage to Australia, having been delayed by a strike at the port of Fremantle. She had been due to call at Sydney on April 10, but was now expected to arrive on April 12.

## BRITAIN'S DANGER AT SEA

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For the same tonnage, an oil-fuelled ship allows a greater margin that can be devoted to speed, armour, or armament than does a coal-fuelled ship. There is choice of greater mobility, greater protection, or greater fighting power — other things being equal, an undeniably superior. There are two additional considerations: that a ship using oil can be refuelled more quickly than can a coal-fuelled ship, and that it needs only a small crew of non-fighting men to manage the oil furnaces, whereas a large crew of non-fighting men is required to act as coal stokers.

Clearly there is one thing we must not do. War is fighting, and at sea fighting means the destruction of the enemy's ships. If oil-fuelling gives a definite advantage in that task, then at any cost we must not send out our sailors handicapped in their main, and indeed their only, business.

### Loss To The Mines

How far these alleged advantages are, in fact, embodied in the ships we have been building since coal was abandoned, or, indeed, how far they can be embodied, I will not discuss here. It is enough to say that there is no combination of speed, radius, protection and fighting power embodied in oil-fuelled ships that cannot be got in a coal-fuelled ship of a slightly larger tonnage. It may cost a little more to build, and more to maintain, because it requires a larger crew.

But this is not a military question, neither must it be overlooked that the cost of oil-storage tanks, pipe lines, and defence measures enormously exceed the slightly added cost of the ship herself.

Quicker fuelling is oil's solitary boast — a superiority which can seldom, if ever, in war be decisive in any valid sense.

Thus we come down to economy in the ship herself as the only argument in oil's favour. Against this must be set the disastrous effect on the coal industry which has been the foundation of our foreign trade and shipping, owing to the depreciation of British coal in the eyes of the maritime world, and the dubious advantage of maintaining idle those unemployed who might with great national advantage, and to their own salvation, be sent to sea.

It is, then, a summing up of the

position that practically nothing of fighting value is gained by using oil.

The argument of the foreign ship, other than American, is not even as strong as I have started it. For the navies of many of the nations whose policies might become hostile to us are not in any way involved. The British Empire owns a bare 2 per cent. of the world's oil fuel supply. If we are strategically and to a large extent economically dependent on oil, must not national strategy be hopelessly compromised? Is it not a danger that we simply cannot afford to quarrel with the oil-supply countries?

The word "suicide" is often abused. It is an exact description of the risks we take.

But is there not another and even more dreadful form of suicide involved? The British Empire owns a bare 2 per cent. of the world's oil fuel supply. If we are strategically and to a large extent economically dependent on oil, must not national strategy be hopelessly compromised? Is it not a danger that we simply cannot afford to quarrel with the oil-supply countries?

To some of us it seems that this situation is intolerable. But it is not irretrievable. Weighed in any true balance, the money cost of reverting to our pre-1914 shipbuilding policy should count as nothing. Every future fighting ship should be dual-fired. Every fighting ship we have that can be made dual-fired should be converted.

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